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GEORGII III. REGIS.

CAP. L.

An Act to ſuſpend the granting of Offices in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, for One Year after the paſſing of this Act, and from thence until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

[27th *May* 1808.]

WHEREAS it is expedient for the Public Service, with a view to Inquiries now depending in the Houſe of Commons, that the granting of Offices in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, ſhould be ſuſpended for a limited Time; May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That for one Year after the paſſing of this Act, and from thence until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, no Office, Place, Employment or Salary, within His Majeſty's Dominions, nor any Emoluments ariſing therefrom, ſhall be granted in Reverſion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorſhip, or for any Two or more Lives in Succeſſion, by His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or by any Board or Department of Government, or by any Chief Judge or Officer of any Court of Law or Equity, or Eccleſiaſtical or Admiralty Court; except as is herein-after excepted.

No Office, Place, or Employment ſhall be granted in Reverſion or for joint Lives in future.

II. And

Every Grant made contrary to this Act to be void.

II. And be it further enacted, That every Grant or Appointment which may hereafter be made contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be to all Intents and Purposes void.

Salaries, etc. received under such Grants to be forfeited.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Salary and Emolument received under any such Grant or Appointment shall be forfeited, and may be recovered by Information in the Court of Exchequer, at the Suit of His Majesty's Attorney General, to the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors.

This Act not to extend to certain Offices or Places in Courts of Law, etc.

IV. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prohibit or make void any Grant or Appointment made or to be made by any Chief Judge or Officer of any Court of Law or Equity, or Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Court, or by any Archbishop or Bishop of any See holding such Appointment or Office on the Day of the passing of this Act, or by any Officer or Officers appointed or to be appointed by any such Chief Judge, or by any Person or Persons having Power to appoint to Offices in the said Courts, in relation to any Office or Appointment in any of the said Courts which before the passing of this Act might by Law be granted in Reversion, or for joint Lives with Benefit of Survivorship; nor to prohibit the Appointment of Assistants and Successors to the Parochial Clergy of *Scotland*.

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